

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2600**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey**  
**(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Wilk)**  
(Principal coauthors: Senators Fuller and Runner)

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An act to add Article 7 (commencing with Section 92665) to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to the University of California, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2600, as introduced, Lackey. University of California: California Institute for Aerospace.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The University of California provides instruction and performs research at the 10 campuses it operates and maintains in Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill would express legislative findings and declarations relating to the aerospace industry in this state. The bill would request the regents to establish the California Institute for Aerospace to achieve specified goals relating to the development of the aerospace industry in the state. The bill would also request the regents to locate the California Institute for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will be in close proximity to a large part of California's current aerospace research and development. The bill would provide that it would be implemented only

to the extent that the regents determine that adequate funding for its purposes has been appropriated to the University of California. The bill would appropriate \$6,000,000 from the General Fund to the regents for the implementation of the bill.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of  
2     the following:

3     (a) California's aerospace industry is a world leader and a  
4     powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export  
5     income, directly employing more than several hundred thousand  
6     California workers.

7     (b) The enactment of a state aerospace tax credit in 2014 has  
8     positioned California to receive thousands of new jobs researching,  
9     designing, and building the Long Range Strike Bomber following  
10    the awarding of the contract by the United States Air Force in  
11    2015.

12    (c) In order to maximize the state's potential for creating new  
13    research and design jobs both as a result of this contract and the  
14    numerous aerospace-related companies already operating in the  
15    state, the creation of the California Institute for Aerospace by the  
16    University of California would greatly amplify the state's role in  
17    the industry and improve public-private partnerships for innovative  
18    research.

19    (d) The model provided by the Collaborative Center for  
20    Aerospace Sciences, a joint research venture of the United States  
21    Air Force Research Laboratory and the University of California,  
22    Los Angeles, is an example of the partnerships the California  
23    Institute for Aerospace could form and expand.

24    (e) Throughout the history of the University of California, many  
25    industries have grown in partnership utilizing innovative research  
26    conducted by the university.

27    SEC. 2. Article 7 (commencing with Section 92665) is added  
28    to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education  
29    Code, to read:

Article 7. California Institute for Aerospace

92665. (a) The Regents of the University of California are requested to establish the California Institute for Aerospace in order to achieve all of the following goals:

(1) Grow California's economy and the aerospace industry by creating new opportunities for jobs in aerospace research and design.

(2) Utilize public-private partnerships to perform innovative research in aerospace technology.

(3) Strengthen California's position as a global leader in the aerospace industry by increasing the amount of research, development, and design taking place in the state.

(4) Maximize California's role in designing and building the Long Range Strike Bomber.

(b) The regents are requested to locate the California Institute for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will be in close proximity to a large part of California's current aerospace research and development.

92665.5. (a) This article shall be implemented only to the extent that the regents determine that adequate funding for its purposes has been appropriated to the University of California in the annual Budget Act or in another statute.

(b) The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) is hereby appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, from the General Fund to the Regents of the University of California for the implementation of this article.